

# CROSSROADS NEWSLETTER

March 29, 2012

Crossroads Family,

As he came to the towns of Bethphage and Bethany on the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead. "Go into that village over there," he told them. "As you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that colt?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So they went and found the colt, just as Jesus had said. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owners asked them, "Why are you untying that colt?" And the disciples simply replied, "The Lord needs it." So they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their garments over it for him to ride on.



As he rode along, the crowds spread out their garments on the road ahead of him. When he reached the place where the road started down the Mount of Olives, all of his followers began to shout and sing as they walked along; praising God for all the wonderful miracles they had seen. "Blessings on the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in highest heaven!" But some of the Pharisees among the crowd said, "Teacher, rebuke your followers for saying things like that!" He replied, "If they kept quiet, the stones along the road would burst into cheers!" - **Luke 19:29-40**

## *Cool stuff to think about...*

- Jesus knew exactly where the colt would be.
- Jesus even knew that the owners would be there, and instructed the disciples how to respond as they loosed the colt.
- The owners of the colt did not dispute the disciples' statement "The Lord hath need of him."
- Can you imagine the pep rally when Jesus got near the descent of the Mount of Olives?

With Luke writing some of the actual things the people were shouting as Jesus came, it just makes it that much easier to close your eyes and imagine the scene, and hear their voices lifted up. While there was a multitude praising Jesus, the Pharisees were telling Jesus to rebuke the crowd. Essentially, they wanted Jesus to tell the crowd that He wasn't the Son of God. Jesus responded to them by stating that even if He did get the crowd to be quiet, that the rocks would cry out. That passage tells me that Jesus is going to be praised no matter what!

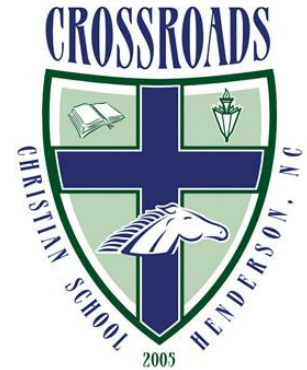
As Christians we know that not everyone feels like praising the Lord, and there are many who walk through this life and never once lift their voices in praise to Him. Even today you may not feel like praising Him, but think about this...

What if He had never come to earth? What would your life look like? What kind of hope would you have for the future, and what could you look forward to? How could you face difficulties and tragedies in life with any peace whatsoever? Think about Jesus knowing exactly where that colt would be when He told the disciples to go and get it. What if before he decided to come here He looked ahead and saw how the Pharisees would always be persecuting Him, how He would be mocked and hit and spit on and beaten and cut with a crown of thorns and nailed to a cross and stabbed in the side with a spear, just for coming here for us. He did know all of that.....and He came anyway!

As the Easter season quickly approaches, let us not forget all that He gave because of his unfailing love for each of us.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jonathan E. Cape". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.



# General Announcements

## CCS Parent Math Survey

The math faculty and school administrators are involved in a study to evaluate the effectiveness of the mathematics curriculum at CCS. Parental input is extremely important in helping with this process. An email containing a link to the CCS Parent Math Survey will be sent to all parents/guardians for grades K5-12. The survey should take no longer than twenty minutes, but the feedback given will greatly aid the faculty as we work together to strengthen our math program. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete the survey.



## Library News

February was an exciting time in our library! "**I Love to Read**" activities reminded us of the value of reading and gave us an opportunity to make our library "bigger and better." A huge "**Thank You**" to every school family that participated in our Read-a-thon. The total collected from the monetary pledges was thrilling! The funds will add books and educational materials to our inventory and the needed supplies to get them from the workroom onto the shelves. Also a big "**Thank You**" goes out to all the families that donated books and movies throughout the month. And yes, one more "**Thank You**" to our 7th graders for the great job they did in our Wax Museum. The money collected from the dollar entrance tickets has already been used to purchase more biographies for our non-fiction section.

The next activity on our library calendar is the **Scholastic Book Fair** that will be heading our way in late April. The dates and times will be posted on our website. Don't forget, your child's school library is open to you also. Our school families are welcome anytime!

### New Drop-Off Bell at 7:30 & Carpool Reminders

- We have added a 7:30 bell in the morning so that parents will know when to release their students from their cars to enter the building. This bell has been added for the safety of the students to ensure that they are supervised when they enter the school. Please do not release before the 7:30 bell rings.
- Do not drive through the center lane unless parking (go around the loop to the right to drop off).
- Be mindful of speed – 5 mph.
- Have children ready to get out when approaching drop-off area, and allow our staff to assist the children exiting the vehicle.
- Students should be using only the front entrance to the school.

## ACSI Spelling Bee

Crossroads Christian School attended the ACSI Spelling Bee on March 2 at Gorman Christian Academy in Durham. Teachers in 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades selected four students each to represent their grade at the area spelling bee. CCS students worked at school and at home to learn more than three hundred words from an easy, an average, and a difficult spelling list. CCS students did a wonderful job of representing the school at this year's spelling bee. A special congratulations goes to **Cade Carlson** in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and **Griffin Martin** in 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Cade received fourth place this year. Griffin topped his fourth place win from last year by placing third at this year's competition for 7<sup>th</sup> graders. Congratulations to all those who participated.

## ACSI Art Festival

On March 16, Crossroads Christian School hosted the annual ACSI Art Festival. There were 171 entries from 5 different schools in our district. The Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students were blessed with the opportunity to work with a guest artist, Mrs. Jody Bohannon, from Clarksville, VA., and the 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in a "hands-on" project with Mrs. Linda White from Liberty, NC. Both ladies were a blessing to our students. The competition was fierce and the judges were tough but "great fun" was had by all.



Congratulations to two Crossroads students who placed "Best of Show" for their entire grade level:

**Noah Newbern** for Kindergarten **and Mackenzie Hutson** for 7th grade.

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen to participate and JOB WELL DONE!!!

**Superior = BLUE, Excellent = RED, Good = White**

### **K5**

Natasha Peay - Good  
Noah Newbern - BEST OF SHOW  
Caitlin Robinson - Good  
Hailey Grissom - Superior

### **1st**

Gracie Patterson - Good  
Zoie Hutson - Good  
Kennedy Keel - Good  
Landyn Wiggins - Good

### **2nd**

Addie Ellington - Good  
Adam Paynter - Good  
Jacob Bartholomew - Good  
Wes Bobbitt - Good

### **3rd**

Will Burton - Excellent  
Haley Patterson - Good  
Madison Callahan - Good  
Will Wiard - Good  
Hope Hollingsworth - Good

### **4th**

Hannah Collier - Excellent  
Leah Gupton - Excellent  
Ethan Flemming - Excellent

### **5th**

Austin Wiard - Good  
Anna Brauer - Excellent  
Kelsey Anderson - Superior  
Megan Stainback - Excellent

### **6th**

Bailee Barker - Excellent  
Madison Moyer - Excellent  
Sarah Burton - Superior

### **7th**

Abigail Shah - Excellent  
Bailey Garriss - Good  
Brittany Overby - Excellent  
Griffin Martin - Excellent  
Tyler O'steen - Good  
Mackenzie Hutson - BEST OF SHOW  
Amber Peoples - Excellent  
Haley Collier - Excellent

### **8th**

Jonah McClelland - Superior  
Ashton Hayes - Excellent  
Lindsey Perry - Excellent  
Grethel Flores - Excellent  
Alexis Harrison - Excellent

### **9th**

Brooklyn Rooker - Good

### **10th**

Chelsey Dickerson - Excellent  
Baylee Bridgeland - Excellent  
Kayla Williamson - Excellent  
Shellie Hughes - Excellent  
Caroline May - Excellent

### **11th**

Lizzy Long - Excellent  
Corey Choplin - Superior  
Gabby Ortiz - Good  
Caroline Bartley - Excellent  
Allison Pegram - Good  
Julia parrish - Excellent  
Tiffany Hopkins - Excellent

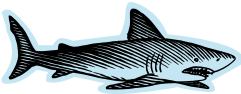
### **12th**

Allie Deal - Excellent

## ACSI Math Olympics

Crossroads Christian School attended the ACSI Math Olympics on March 16 at Freedom Christian Academy in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Math contests were held in elementary and middle school to determine which students would represent CCS at the competition. Teachers from each grade chose three students to compete in the reasoning math section and three students to compete in the computation section. Students practiced after school to better their math skills and learn how to pace themselves. The competition was made up of four timed tests that each lasted eleven minutes. Since most of the tests had from six to twelve problems, students had to think quickly and work accurately to finish within the eleven minute timeframe. CCS students did a great job of representing the school at this year's Math Olympics. A special congratulations goes to **Daniel White** in the fourth grade. Daniel placed fourth in the reasoning section.

## Great Times in Myrtle Beach!



The 6th and 7th grades had a wonderful time on March 15-16 in Myrtle Beach, SC. This field trip was full of learning opportunities. They began at the Wonderworks Science Museum and then traveled back in time by enjoying the jousting show at Medieval Times. The first night included a trip to Ripley's Aquarium where the students enjoyed a frightful night of sleeping with the sharks, as the students camped out in a tunnel underneath the tanks that hold the sharks. Before leaving the aquarium the next morning, students were able to get in the tank and swim with the stingrays. The conclusion of the trip included some fun in the sun and football on the beach. Everyone had a great time, and the students did a fabulous job of representing CCS!



## 10th Grade Monticello Field Trip

The Sophomore class recently returned from their overnight field trip to Monticello, the home of Thomas Jefferson and the only private home in the United States listed as a World Heritage Site. The weather was beautiful, and the students did a great job of interacting with our tour guides and representing CCS well. In addition to Monticello, the students visited Michie Tavern for an amazing buffet lunch and tour of the colonial era tavern and inn. They even got to learn some colonial dance moves! The next morning, the class went to the University of Virginia for their first official college visit. UVA was founded by Thomas Jefferson, so the students also got to learn a little more about him and his legacy. After lunch, we finished up the field trip with a visit to Appomattox Court House National Historic Park. The historic village was the site of General Robert E. Lee's surrender of the Army of Northern Virginia to General Ulysses S. Grant at the end of the Civil War. See the website for more pictures and video!





## 1st – 5th Grade “United We Stand” Concert

"United We Stand" is a patriotic tribute that will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2012, in the CCS cafetorium at 7:00 pm. Students are to arrive back stage by no later than 6:45. Students are asked to wear any combination of red, white, and blue, and they MAY appropriate blue jeans (no holes, rips, etc.). We look forward to seeing you there to celebrate our freedom!

## Recreation and Outdoor Club Coming to CCS

At CCS, many of our students have a great interest in nature and outdoor activities. Whatever the activity, from hunting, to skiing, to kayaking, many of our students have made the comment, "Wouldn't it be cool if I could go here..." or "Wouldn't it be incredible to do this..."

The new **Recreation and Outdoor Club**, or the **ROC**, had its first club meeting on Friday, March 23. The group is planning its first outing to the US National Whitewater Center in Charlotte, NC on April 28, at the cost of \$50 per person. There, ROC members will experience the high ropes course, zipline, and have an option to kayak, canoe, paddle board, or mountain bike.

Each month, different experts will educate ROC members on the safe pursuit of different sports and activities, while teaching outdoor skills. Right now the club is only open to high school students, though in future years certain trips will be open to all of Upper School.

Possible trips for the 2012-2013 school year include a ski trip, kayaking, paintball, the Banff Mountain Film Festival, and caving. If you are interested in chaperoning, speaking at a ROC event, or would like more information about the club, please contact Rilla Cooper at [rcooper@ccscolts.org](mailto:rcooper@ccscolts.org).



## 7th Grade Students Participate in “Heroes of our Faith” Wax Museum

On February 23 - 24, the seventh grade students turned the CCS library into a wax museum. Each student had to choose a Christian hero for a biographical report. The students then had to dress as that person and give a biographical outline of that person's life to the visitors of the museum. The lower and middle school students had the opportunity to visit and see the historical figures come to life. Congratulations to all of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students for an amazing job!



## Parents in Prayer

You are invited to join us in prayer for our school family each Tuesday morning at 8:00 am in the Mac Lab. Please sign in at the office. We have certainly enjoyed our prayer time together as we lift up the needs of our people and praise God for what he has already done. If you have a prayer request, please email us at [dandjexpress@ncol.net](mailto:dandjexpress@ncol.net) or [bsams1@nc.rr.com](mailto:bsams1@nc.rr.com). We would love to hear your praise reports too. Please come and join us. Prayer works!

## Summer Camp News – Registration Underway



Camp is around the corner! We are offering a variety of athletic, academic, and creative thinking camps this summer. You may register your child online through our school website, or you can fill out a registration form in the CCS office. If you register in the month of February, your child's name will be placed in a drawing to win a camp discount. Winners will be announced in March.

### The drawings are as follows:

1. Full Summer Camp: \$120 off of full summer camp tuition. We will draw 1 name.
2. Half Day Camps: \$20 off of camp tuition. We will draw 8 names.

Be sure to sign up early so you don't lose your camp spot!

Find more information at [www.ccscolts.org](http://www.ccscolts.org) or email Bonnie Hunter at [bhunter@ccscolts.org](mailto:bhunter@ccscolts.org).

## Athletics



**Varsity Golf:** For the first time in the school's young history, golf is being offered. The team is coached by Aaron Hale, and practices are held at Kerr Lake Country Club. The team includes D.J. Matthews, Griffin Martin, Clarissa Gay, Will Nutt, and Seth Gullledge. The team's first golf match was held against Grace Christian of Raleigh at the course where NC State plays its matches. The season will consist of 6 regular season matches, plus a conference tournament.



**Varsity Girls Soccer:** The soccer team is comprised of students from grades 6-12 and is coached by Josh Bogle. The team has had a busy start with games against Kerr-Vance, Neuse, Grace Christian-Raleigh, and Northwood Temple. Their next home match is Thursday, April 4. The team is working especially on the technical and conditioning aspects of the game and should be fun to watch as the season progresses.



**Middle School Baseball:** Our Middle School Baseball team opened their season with a BIG victory at home over the much larger St. Timothy's. It took a complete team effort to achieve the "come from behind" win. The team is coached by James Stainback. With strong pitching from four 8<sup>th</sup> graders, this season proves to be another exciting chapter in Colts baseball.

*Be sure to notice the new Coca-Cola scoreboard hanging in the outfield of the baseball field.*



**Basketball:** We would like to recognize junior Jessi Hayes for her outstanding basketball season. She was voted onto the 2012 *Daily Dispatch* All Area Girls 1<sup>st</sup> team. The paper noted that "she does a bit of everything, while being the primary ball handler and primary scoring threat." Congratulations, Jessi!



*Come out and cheer your Colts on to victory!*

## **Important Dates**

<b>March 26-27</b>	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Monticello, UVA, and Appomattox, VA
<b>March 30</b>	Picture Day: Spring Pictures, Class Pictures, Spring Sports
<b>April 5</b>	NHS Car Wash at School (2:30 – 4:00 p.m.)
<b>April 6</b>	Good Friday – School Closed
<b>April 9-13</b>	Spring Break – School Closed
<b>April 23-27</b>	Standardized Testing Week (Terra Nova 3)
<b>April 23-27</b>	Senior Trip
<b>May 5</b>	Junior/Senior Prom